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ANNOUNCER: This week's guest is Representative Lee Hamilton, Democrat of Indiana. He meets with CBS News correspondents Susan Spencer, Eric Engberg, and Bill Lynch.

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Q: Congressman Hamilton, among your other chores on the Hill, you sit on the Select Committee on Intelligence in the House. The Reagan Administration is proposing an executive order that according to some reports, at least, would severely weaken some of the controls on the Central Intelligence Agency's domestic operations. I wonder if you've had a chance to explore those and have any thoughts on them.

REP. LEE HAMILTON: I really have not had a chance to explore them. The executive order was just submitted to us yesterday. Admiral Inman is to come to testify before us in a day or two. And I'd prefer to wait until I've had an opportunity to hear from him on it.

Q: Do you have any concerns in that area?

REP. HAMILTON: Sure, I have some concerns about it. I have a great deal of concern about the involvement of the Central Intelligence Agency in domestic matters. And I am not kindly disposed towards the presence or activity of the CIA in those kinds of actions. But I want to try to maintain an open mind on it until I've seen what the changes are.

Q: Do you see a lack of sensitivity on the part of this Administration to the kinds of abuses that have gone on in the past?